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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You have blessed our Nation with great leaders in every period of our history. Today, our hearts blend in oneness and our voices soar above party loyalties to express our gratitude to You for BOB DOLE. Quite apart from Presidential politics, we wish to thank You for the way that You have used him here in the Senate through the years. We affirm his leadership; we admire his statesmanship; we honor his patriotism.

Thank You for Your intervening in his life to save him in World War II, for preparing him through suffering and pain to be empathetical of the needs of others, and for opening doors for him to serve his Nation here in the Congress for the past 35 years.

We appreciate his plain-spoken, Kansas way of expressing his faith. We know that prayer has been the source of the silent strength that has given the Senator his remarkable resiliency, constantly filling the wells of his being with stability and courage. As brothers and sisters of both parties in the Senate, we ask You to continue to bless him and his wife Elizabeth as they press forward in serving You and our Nation. In the name of our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able and distinguished majority leader, Senator DOLE, is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. Thank you, Mr. President.

THANKING THE CHAPLAIN

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I say a personal thanks to the Chaplain. I appreciate it.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. As I understand it, the Senate will consider Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, the concurrent budget resolution. Under the order last night, Senator DASCHLE or his designee will offer the President's budget this morning, and we can expect a rollcall vote on or in relation to that amendment hopefully before noon today.

There will probably be a late session tonight. There will be an effort to try to complete action on the budget resolution sometime this evening. If that cannot be done, obviously, it will be done tomorrow. I am advised there is still a lot of time remaining. The Republicans have 20 hours and 57 minutes; the Democrats have 19 hours and 39 minutes. That is 40 hours and 36 minutes. It is 9:30 a.m. It may be difficult to finish it this evening. But these things do have a way of moving once we get started. So I know the managers on each side would appreciate cooperation of our colleagues who have amendments.

The Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], will manage on this side, so I yield the floor.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The Senate will now resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 57) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask unanimous consent that it be charged equally on both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3965

(Purpose: Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002)

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, as agreed to yesterday, at this time I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON], for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY, proposes an amendment numbered 3965.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, in the arrangement between myself and the Budget Committee chairman, Senator DOMENICI, I am offering this amendment today as a substitute for the basic Republican amendment that was laid down when we began the budget debate yesterday by the chairman of the Budget Committee.

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